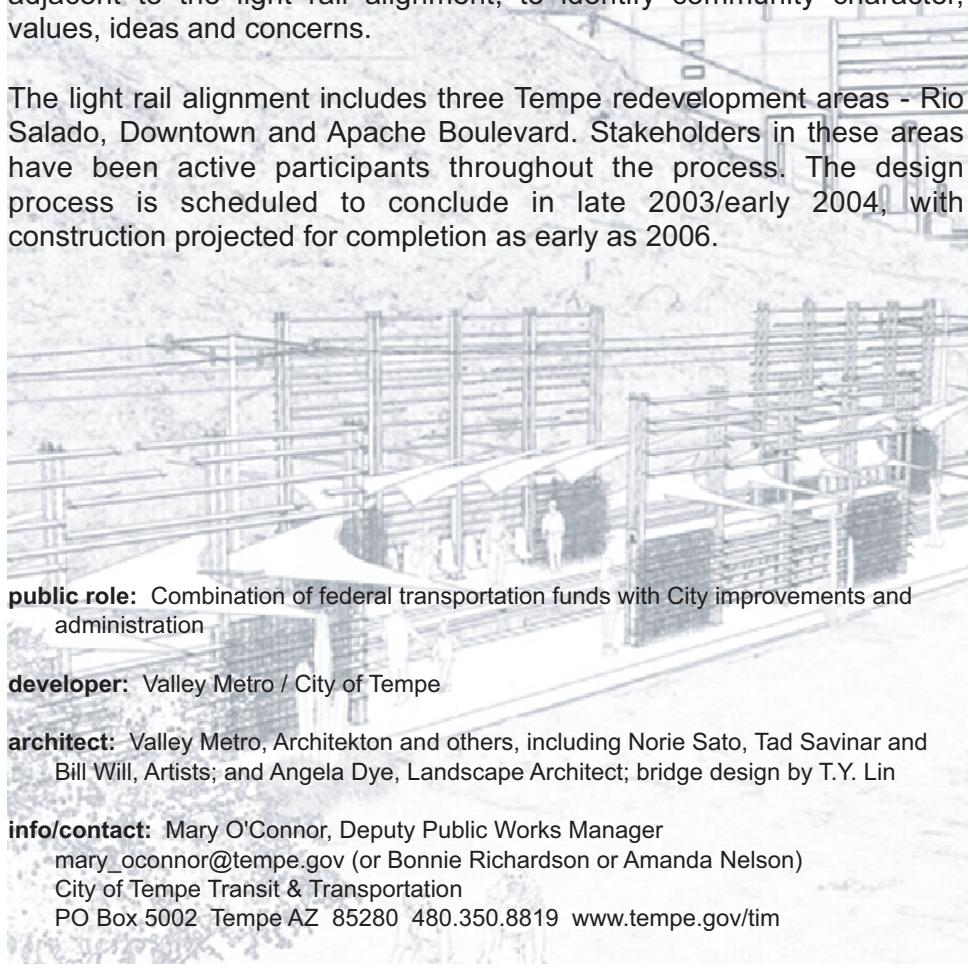


LIGHT RAIL / TRANSIT CENTER

The Central Phoenix/East Valley Light Rail Project is a 20.3-mile transit corridor linking activity centers in Central Phoenix, downtown Tempe/ASU, and west Mesa. As the project moves forward, artists, architects and engineers who are designing Tempe's portion of the project are getting community input to help develop station areas at Third Street at Mill Avenue, Fifth Street at College Avenue (bus transfer/administrative center) and Terrace Road at Rural Road. A new bridge, just east of the existing Union Pacific Railroad bridge, will convey the trains across Tempe Town Lake. Tempe has been meeting with community stakeholders, including residents and business owners adjacent to the light rail alignment, to identify community character, values, ideas and concerns.

The light rail alignment includes three Tempe redevelopment areas - Rio Salado, Downtown and Apache Boulevard. Stakeholders in these areas have been active participants throughout the process. The design process is scheduled to conclude in late 2003/early 2004, with construction projected for completion as early as 2006.



public role: Combination of federal transportation funds with City improvements and administration

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